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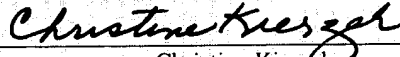
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Title: *Clamping Gadget For Shoelaces Or The Like Lacing Devices*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is directed to a new U.S. application as identified above.

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating fees.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this Preliminary Amendment.